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Gaithersburg Senior Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, November 7, 2011

Attendees: Sylvia Craig, Lilia Jacob, Shirley Mitchell, Wilma Penn, John Rhee, Marcia Robins, Leslie Shapiro and Revathi Vikram

Staff: Grace Whipple, Tim Smith; Yoland Bastian recorded minutes

Absences: Abbas Jafri and Richard Kenly

Meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m. October 3, 2011 minutes were moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

4th Annual Active Aging Expo/Regional Innovations in Aging – 2012 Active Aging Expo is planned for Monday, May 7. The state of Maryland, headed by Secretary Gloria Lawlah, Maryland Secretary on Aging, is partnering with Virginia and Washington D.C. to host the first Regional Innovations of Aging Expo May 3-5 at the National Harbor, Gaylord Theater. It is undetermined what level of partnership, if any, the state will request from local jurisdictions. Grace expressed concern how it may impact the City's May 7th event. Discussion followed about changing the date or to cancel. Committee recommended proceeding with current plans without date change. Committee members were asked to participate on the planning committee for the event.

I. Committee Reports:

A. Activities – Marcia Robins reported she met with Charlyn and programs are planned for January and February including Valentine's Tea at the Kentland's Mansion.

B. Communication – Shirley Mitchell announced the Welcome Committee had its first meeting; an Orientation Sign-up Sheet is posted at the front bulletin board. Orientations are scheduled for once a month.
Program cancellation policy was explained and discussed.
A Suggestion Box was requested to be installed at the Center.

C. Diversity – Revathi Vikram reported she met with Charlyn and planned diversity programs for the next six months.

D. Other Business – Shirley Mitchell reported that the six-week program on "Coping with Chronic Illness & Wellness" offered in partnership with Holy Cross Hospital and the Maryland Department of Aging was a great success and highly recommends the Center offer the course again.

II. NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 5, 2012. Agenda items due February 28, 2012

III. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Yoland Bastian